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MEMORANDUM FOR: 

Special Assistant to the DDCI

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Issues Facing New Administration

We are preparing a report on intelligence issues from 15 January to 15 February 1981. To assist us could we ask that you prepare a 7 to 10 page memorandum on the following by 15 December:

1. Identification of key foreign intelligence issues (from 15 January to 15 March 1981) that might present special problems which would require Presidential or NSC attention.

Brief intelligence estimate of each issue; forecast of likely possibilities. E.g., are the Russians likely to seek or exploit opportunities to test us in the mid-January/mid-February period? Or are they in the process of preparing diplomatic initiatives that we should be prepared for?

Please indicate if you have reason to believe our allies and friendly services would concur with your estimates.

2. Would you provide us estimates of current crises and issues and estimates of possible outcomes between now and 15 March.
3. Evaluation now of intelligence coverage of these specific problems.

Is our coverage of these issue areas adequate? If, in the judgment of CIA, the technical and human coverage is inadequate, what are the deficiencies? How can they be corrected in the short run?

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*Have already done all this to President & his Foreign Policy Board. Happy to give you copies of my briefing notes - S/*